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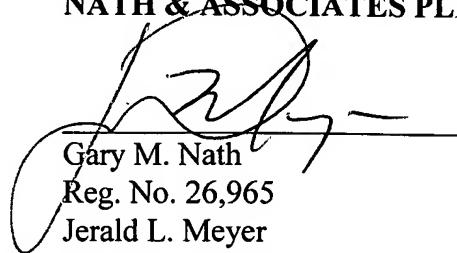
Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 27, 2006. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond was set to expire March 27, 2007, making this a timely filed response to the present Office Action.

Entry of this Response and Amendment is respectfully requested since it is believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and does not raise any new issues that require further consideration and/or search.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 27 – 54 are presented for reconsideration and further examination in view of the following remarks. Claims 1 – 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 27 – 44 and 48 – 54 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,471,511 to Chishti et al. (hereinafter